UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION

RANDY L. THOMAS,)	
	Plaintiff,)	
v.)	NO: 5:11-CV-00715-BR
AIDA CORREA,)	
	Defendant.)	
RANDY L. THOMAS,)	
	Plaintiff,)	
v.)	NO: 5:12-CV-00016-BR
NORTH CAROLINA DEPT. AND HUMAN SERVICES,	OF HEALTH)))	
	Defendant.)	

ORDER

This matter is before the court on the 10 January 2013 Memorandum and Recommendation of U.S. Magistrate Judge James E. Gates ("M&R"). (DE # 4.) Judge Gates recommends that the court remand the above-captioned cases. (<u>Id.</u> at 6.) Plaintiff has filed objections to the M&R, which he has twice amended. (DE ## 5-7.) Having undertaken a *de novo* determination of the M&R, <u>see</u> 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), the court adopts the M&R as its own. It is hereby ORDERED that:

- The case of Thomas v. Aida Correa, No. 5:11-CV-715-BR, is REMANDED to Mecklenburg County District Court;
- 2. The case of Thomas v. North Carolina Dept. of Health and Human Services, No.

5:12-CV-16-BR, is REMANDED to the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings; and

3. The Clerk serve a copy of this order on the Clerk of each aforementioned court/office and close these cases.

This 18 March 2013.

W. Earl Britt

Senior U.S. District Judge